

of the West Virginia Newspaper Council. Four members of this honorary organization now survive. Born at Ironton, Ohio, January 21, 1852, a son of Burdine and Mary Ellen **MURRAY BLAKE**, the family moved to London, Ohio, when he was an infant. There the third year of the Civil War found him motherless and the youngest of three boys, at the age of 12. Desiring to be with his father, and passing for 16, he was accepted in his father's company of the 154<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry, as a drummer boy and messenger, and saw service and participated in minor engagements along the northern border of West Virginia, in the Antietam section of Pennsylvania and adjacent Maryland. He received a bullet wound through the hand during his service with the Union Army. Returning to London, Ohio, after the War, he served an apprenticeship in a local newspaper office, and at a very early age worked on newspapers in Springfield, Columbus and Cincinnati. His next older brother, the late Daniel F. **BLAKE**, of Kansas City, Mo., had made a connection with an ambitious founding publishing business in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. At Singers Glen, where Solomon, Timothy and Benj. **FUNK** were putting together a venture in music publishing. Believing that his health was being impaired by night work in stuffy quarters on daily newspapers, he readily accepted a call in 1872, at 20 to the embryo business that grew and flourished for many years in the Virginia Valley. Soon after he joined them, the **FUNKS** merged their forces with a rival concern and the business moved from "the Glen" to nearby Dayton as the Ruebush, Kieffer Company. Aldine S. **KIEFFER**, a Southern poet of note, was one of this company of idyllic spirits. These were years of a musical awakening in the rural South, of singing masters and singing schools, teaching the evangelical power of the hymns produced prolifically during the period. In its heyday, this concern employed 25 to 30 people directly, and many more indirectly, issued thousands, perhaps millions of hymnals and song books which circulated throughout the South, and also issued a monthly journal of poetry and music, *The Musical Million*. More or less in connection with it, but certainly because of it, a seminary of music was established and still runs through now perhaps with less emphasis than then on music. From it also were released the traveling army of old-time singing teachers who held forth in rural schools and churches. Because organs were rare, even in churches of the rural sections, the skill of singing "by note" had to be acquired, so that a song unheard could be sung by a congregation. The firm used a patented short cut to musical skill, a character or "shape" note which it believed would more rapidly spread musical knowledge. At Dayton, Va., he met and married Alice Mary **HORNE**, of Augusta County, Va., who had become connected with the publishing business there as supervisor of the folding and bindery rooms, a division employing a dozen or more girls. Her skill and acquaintance with the production of the printed word, has been of

accepted with a wry wince that was pure make-up all chiding for arranging that no important work was started on a Friday, and the like.

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Some things dear to obituary writers are omitted only at pain of creating misunderstanding. "Ma" **BLAKE** was firm and steadfast in her faith and deeply religious, though not a church woman. Largely through pressure of home duties she became an individualist in religion. In girl-hood and early womanhood she held church connection, taught in Sunday School, worked daily in an atmosphere of sacred music. She was, indeed, credited with the origin of a remark, quoted anonymously perhaps to this time, and at once characteristic of her wit and realistic attitude toward sanctity. In a church group which was discussing the comparative religious power of two brothers who were called to the ministry from one Virginia family, she observed that "John was called by God and his brother David. Her life summed up religion, ethics, love, in three words of increasing crescendo—she "gave, gave, gave." She expected no return; she received 20 years more than the Biblical span in which to give more.

This is the end of all the wonderful items saved for us by Sarah V. **HILL**  
**MACMILLIAN**.

I have saved for last the obituary, a shortened Editorial of the above Alice Mary **HORNE BLAKE**'s husband, William Burdine **BLAKE**.

A gentle soul passed out peacefully at about 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening, December 4 1938, that of William Burdine **BLAKE**, whose name and spirit have been connected with this newspaper since its founding. He had long since passed the allotted span of three score and ten—nearly seventeen years beyond them—but fortunately contrary to what we are given to expect, these borrowed years were spent comfortably, happily and contentedly, although the last three years his inclination was to remain in bed and pass away the time reading. Wednesday his frail body fell prey to a cold and pneumonia rapidly developed. Only during this period did his body suffer wracking and his spirit became depressed. It would be difficult to speak of this life, fuller than ordinary and good in its works, without encomium to the living—one who was by his side more than 60 years, ministering with unfaltering vigil to the care of his naturally frail physique and, heedless for herself, lighting his burdens daily. Although two years his senior in age, his faithful helpmate survives and continues active in her 90<sup>th</sup> year. His newspaper career and his residence in West Virginia and Ronceverte have been concurrent—about 51 years—making him eligible to membership in the "50 Year Club"

no little help in his beginning here and his later work and that of his successors down to this day. She still insists upon performing a weekly task in the production of this newspaper and refuses to be denied. Coming to Roncverte in 1887, he became associated with the late J. W. HESS in the publication of "The Roncverte News," a small purely local weekly launched about 1885 by Burke & Hess.

Richard BURKE had just died and HESS was seeking a partner. After a year or two, HESS made a strike in a Virginia boom-town real estate speculation and withdrew. The scope of the paper was broadened somewhat and the name changed to THE VALLEY MESSENGER, continuing thus until 1901, when it was absorbed by the present paper. The West Virginia News had been established in 1897 as a Republican party organ, and both papers were issued from the same plant until they were merged. He was editor and publisher of this paper until 1905, when his son, Wm. B.

BLAKE, Jr., became his partner and was co-editor and publisher until 1920., when a younger son, Edward L. BLAKE became associate editor and publisher, and he retired with the honorary title of editor emeritus, continuing some years after that as the contributor of the column he originated—"Bottled in Bond Besides his widow, four sons and a daughter survive. They are Charles S. BLAKE, of Somerset, Ky., Robert Russell BLAKE, of Winston-Salem, N. C., Mrs. J. Wade BELL, of Louisbourg, and the publishers of this paper.

Rev. W. Carroll **THORN**, of the Episcopal Church, read these services. Pallbearers were: Warren **GRAVES**, J. William **LEE**, Edgar F. **DICKSON**, Eugene **STONE**, James J. **GILHOOLEY**, O. E. **YOUNG**, John **YOUNG** and Harvey **HANDLEY**. The last seventeen months of her full and worthy life were inactive only because a hip injury limited her to a wheel-chair and bed. She was fortunate in being attended through this period faithfully, tenderly by Miss Anna **REYNOLDS**, as nurse and constant companion. With whom a friendship had been formed as a neighbor before her misfortune, growing to mutual affection as time passed.

**OUR MOTHER.....(Continued for Alice Mary Horne Blake.)**

With the passing of our mother last Friday, not only the editors and publishers in a personal sense lost their mother, but in a very real sense this newspaper lost its mother too. She felt herself a part of it. This newspaper has been blessed by her deep interest and helpfulness from its founding almost to her very last hours. Up to November 1940, she sought ways to help out with its production. In the early days it was to help with the hand folding before the machine, and all through the years a regular task, rarely missed for any reason, was the single-wrapping. She insisted upon doing this long after she could not conceal the slowing of age and against orders, even threats, for she did not "take orders from her boys."

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Early the morning of November 6, 1940, she fell while starting her household duties for the day and sustained a hip injury which ended many of her activities. Becoming resigned to a wheelchair was not to her liking, and she lived not only hopefully but expectantly that she would be restored to her feet, that she would again take up the active duties that she enjoyed, that she could help instead of being helped. More poignant than the shock of injury, possibly, was her thought that her ability for usefulness might be ended. Although not all those last months were pain and unhappiness to her, they were far from what suited her active, wholly unselfish, helpful nature.

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Our mother passed away Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Being what she was, besides the most wonderful mother and remarkable woman on earth in many respects, she been conscious, untortured by pain, she would have given some sign of recognizing the coincidence, for rare wit was a part of her, and she paid old-fashioned deference to most of the common superstitions—planted things by the moon and the almanac and



on their return they will reside in Wilmington. Those present at the wedding were: Mrs. Ella **THIEL** and Mrs. **SOLOWAY**, of Wilmington, mother and grandmother of the groom; Mr. And Mrs. Ellwood **WILLIAMS**, of Wilmington; Mr. And Mrs. J. **SOLOWAY**, of Philadelphia; Mrs. William H. **KIRN**, Mrs. Harry **McCOMB**, Messrs. Elbert H. **NEESE**, Clyde **NEESE**, Harry **NEESE**, Mr. And Mrs. C. G. **NEESE** and son, Miss Nellie **NEESE**. Mr. John W. **MULLIN**, of Wilmington; Miss Noble T. **JARRELL**, of Goldsboro, Md.; Mrs. Grace **GLADDEN** and two children. Mrs. W. Z. **ONLEY** and two daughters, Mildred and Evelyn, Miss Madelene **NEESE**, Rev. And Mrs. G. R. **NEESE** of Clayton. Mrs. Mamie **LITTLEPAGE**, wife of Howard **LITTLEPAGE**, died at her home at Renick on Friday afternoon. She is survived by her husband and two daughters and a son. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. The funeral was held on Sunday.

The fine farm residence of Henry W. **BEARD** of Hillsboro was destroyed by fire last Saturday afternoon. The fire is supposed to have been caused from sparks from the kitchen flue falling on the shingle roof of a porch. The house was entirely destroyed but much of the furniture was saved. The loss is around \$5,000. Partially covered by insurance.

Mrs. Alice Mary **HORNE BLAKE**, widow of William B. **BLAKE**, Sr., founder and long-time editor of the West Virginian News, died Friday evening, March 13, 1942, at her home in Ronceverte. In October last she passed her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. She was born October 6, 1850, near Mount Solon, Augusta County, Va., daughter of the late Strother and Sarah **MILLER HORNE**. Before her marriage, both she and her husband were connected with the music and book publishing house of Ruebush, Kieffer & Co., at Dayton, Va. And lived there until 1889, when Mr. **BLAKE** disposed of his interests in the concern and they moved to Ronceverte, to become a partner in a newly-established newspaper, the Valley Messenger, which later was merged with **THE NEWS**, established as a separate paper in 1897 and combined in 1901. Her husband preceded her in death, December 4, 1938. Besides the present publishers of this paper, Wm. B. **BLAKE**, Jr. And Edw. L. **BLAKE**, two other sons and a daughter survive. They are Charles S. **BLAKE** of Somerset, Ky., And Robert Russell **BLAKE** of Winston-Salem, N. C., and Mrs. J. Wade **BELL**, Louisbourg; four grandsons, four granddaughters and two great-grandchildren also survive. Funeral arrangements were made in accordance with several requests, a brief service for the family and relatives proceeded a simple funeral service at the grave in Riverview Cemetery at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

*His wonders to perform."*

And also,

*God is his own interpreter*

*And He will make it plain,"*

has been very much impressed upon the mind of the writer while thinking of our neighbor's trouble and sorrow. We cannot now in our darkened life see or understand God's ways, but after while all these mysteries will be made plain, and we will see that God made no mistakes and that He has done all things well. Mr. **MORRISON** had talked with his son during his illness and he told him he was trusting in Jesus, and the father has the assurance that his boy has fallen asleep in the arms of a loving Savior. Mr. **MORRISON** has many friends to sympathize with and pray with him in this sad time of affliction.

The nuptials of B. F. **HANNAH** and Miss Lena C. **HILL** were solemnized by the Rev. S. C. **MORGAN** at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Peter **HILL**, in the little valley of Hill's Creek, near Hillsboro, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of last month. The grand old-fashioned farmhouse was crowded with friends of the bride and groom, and after the ceremony all sat down to a wedding dinner beautiful with every sort of a good thing eatable. The dining-room was decorated with snow-ball and ferns. After all had dined, a group of Mr. **HILL**'S family and also the party from Greenbrier were photographed. Then we retired to the beautiful apple groves where the sweet songs of the birds made all cheerful and happy. The day following, the happy pair, accompanied by Mr. Emory **McCLUNG** and Miss Kate **AYERS**, and Mr. L. C. **HANNAH** and Miss D. B. **McCLUNG**, and others drove to the groom's home in Greenbrier. Among those present were Misses Glenna **HILL**, Addie **WATTS**, and Allie **McLAUGHLIN**. The writer with many others wishes Mr. Hannah and his charming wife a happy and unreadable married life.

A very pretty wedding took place at the M. E. Parsonage, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when Miss Mary Elizabeth **NEESE**, of this town, became the bride of Mr. Harry S. **THIEL**, of Wilmington,. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. G. R. **NEESE**, the bride's father. Miss Nellie **NEESE**, sister of the bride was brides maid and Mr. John W. **MULLIN**, of Wilmington, was best man,. The wedding march was played throughout the ceremony by Miss Mildred B. **ONLEY**. The house was beautifully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers. The bride was becomingly attired in a blue traveling suit. They left on the 3.39 express for Philadelphia, Buffalo and Canada,

Wallace **CUTLIP**, 68 years old, well known farmer of Spring Creek., this county, died of a heart attack, Thursday morning, April 28, 1938, while at work in his garden. He is survived by one brother, Henry A. **CUTLIP**, of Dilsburg, Pa. And two sisters, Mrs. Maude **HILL**, and Mrs. George **HOLLANDSWORTH**, both of Dilsburg. Funeral services were held at Droop Mountain Church, Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. S. L. **COTTRELL**, of Renick. Burial was in the Cutlip Cemetery.

On Sunday afternoon, April 3, 1938, the death angel visited the town of Renick and took out of this life, Maybury Goheen **MYLES**, one of Greenbrier's oldest and best citizens. He was the son of Samuel and Rebecca **BURR MYLES**, and the oldest as well as the last surviving member of his parents' family of seven children. He was born April 14, 1853, and therefore lacked a few days of reaching 85 years. On February 11 he was stricken with paralysis and was confined to his bed until his death and while his suffering was great, he bore it with patience and Christian fortitude, calmly awaiting the end, which he well knew was near. He had a receptive mind and being well read was a entertaining and informed conversationalist on any subject. He was a lifelong member of the M. E. Church, South, faithful to his Church and God. On December 25, 1912, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Florence **LITTLE HUBBARD**, of Baltimore, Md., who survives. The funeral was conducted on Thursday afternoon at Renick Methodist Church by his pastor, Rev.

J. C. **MURPHY**, assisted by other ministers of Renick; and the remains were taken to White Oak Grove, there amidst many sorrowing friends and relatives and a profusion of flowers, he was laid to rest in the Myles Cemetery, on the hill overlooking his ancestral home.

*He will linger long in our memory  
As a brother, a friend, a neighbor and*

*A true Christian man.  
His body now returns to dust,  
His soul has gone back to God.                      x.x.*

Mrs. Anna Ladora **CURRY**, 67 years old, died at her home at Williamsburg Monday night, April 11, 1938. She was the daughter of Harrison and Caroline **HUME**. Surviving are her husband, S. L. **CURRY**; one son, Carl **CURRY**, of Williamsburg, five daughters, Mrs. Paul **BRIGHT**, of Williamsburg; Mrs. Ralph **JOHNSON**, of near



Louisbourg; Mrs. Holmes **NUNNALLY**, of Quinwood; Mrs. Mary **CRANE**, of Renick, Miss Merle Curry, and one adopted daughter, Miss Ruth **CURRY**, at home. Funeral services were held at **MACMILLIAN** Methodist Church Tuesday at 2 p.m. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary S. **SPITZER**, 83 years old, wife of T. W. **SPITZER**, of Renick's Valley, who died at her home Friday morning, April 8, 1938, were held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the home. Burial was in Mountain Gate Cemetery.

Lee **CAKLEY**, aged 76 years one of the best and more prominent citizens of Pocahontas County, died at his home near Millpoint, on Tuesday morning, April 12, 1938. He had been in failing health for some time. The funeral will be from the home Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock, conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. E. **KNIGHT**; burial in Oak Grove Cemetery. The surviving children are W. H. **CAKLEY** and Mrs. Joel **BEARD**. Mrs. **CAKLEY** died some years since.

#### UNDATED ITEMS...

A few invited guests enjoyed hospitality of Mr. And Mrs., James **SHARP** last Wednesday on the occasion of the marriage of their daughter, Miss Vigil to Mr. Romie **HANNAH**, of Friar's Hill. The happy young couple, accompanied by Cammie **SHARP**, the bride's brother, and Miss Minnie **MACMILLIAN**, of Leonard, went to the home of Rev. J. S. **WICKLINE**, of Falling Spring, and were united in marriage, and returned to Mr. **THARP'S** in the afternoon, where a bountiful table was awaiting them. These young people have many friends to wish them happiness through life. The bride was the recipient of some handsome and useful bridal gifts.

Death has again entered the home of Alvin **MORRISON**, at Loveridge, and claimed for his victim, Oliver, the eldest child, aged 14 years and 3 months. The heart-broken father is almost prostrated with grief, this being the third death in his family in the last six weeks and the forth in the past fourteen months. It would appear that Mr. **MORRISON** has had more than his share of trouble, as he has buried two wives and four children, and has left but one daughter to comfort him. The beautiful hymn,

*"God moves in a mysterious way,*



months duration. Burial on Sunday afternoon in the family plot in Mt. View Cemetery, the service being conducted from the Methodist Church by his pastor, Rev. B. W. **JOHN**, The honorary pall bearers were Harlow **WAUGH**, E. M. **RICHARDSON** and Forrest D. **MALCOMB**. Active pall bearers were Cecil **CURRY**, Charles **RICHARDSON**, Floyd **VIERS**, Emmerson **SHARP**, Adam **PENNEL** and Calvin W. **PRICE**. Mr. **McCOLLAM** was the son of the late James A. And Jane **McCOY** **McCOLLAM**, of Bucks Mountain. He married Jane **MOORE**, daughter of the late Mr. And Mrs. Aaron **MOORE**, of Martinson. She preceded him to the grave ten years and one month. There were no children born to this union. Thus is noted the passing of one of the best men the County of Pocahontas has produced. Coming up at a time when the countryside had been destroyed by war, he fitted himself for the profession of teaching. Later he went to Missouri and other western states. Called home by the advancing years of his father, he devoted himself to farming the ancestral acres of the old homestead. When the time came for the development timber and much lumber was marketed by being rafted on Greenbrier River to the railroad, Mr. **McCOLLAM** was in demand as expert river pilot. Nearly forty years ago he moved to Martinson to engage in the transfer business. Mr. **McCOLLAM** was of sturdy pioneer stock. His grandfather William **McCOLLAM**, married Sally **DRINNEN**, daughter of Lawrence **DRINNEN**, whose wife was a daughter of Jacob **MARLIN**, the first white resident of Martinson, 1749. Mr. **McCOLLAM** was a kindly man; a natural born gentleman. He made friends and kept them. He possessed a strong, bright mind, and a keen sense of humor. I treasure his memory as a life long friend.

Burt **JOHNSON**, Richmond Automobile Dealers garage man, died at noon today at Pattiyclay Infirmary of a leg injury suffered last Thursday night when an automobile driven by Wallace **WORLDS**, 21, a mechanic at the Johnson Motor Co., got out of control while being driven down a ramp in the garage and struck Mr. **JOHNSON**. The blow did not break skin or bone, but ruptured the leg artery just behind the knee. Gangrene developed and it was necessary to amputate the leg. Sunday. Infection set in and despite five blood transfusions, Mr. **JOHNSON** died after having been unconscious for three days. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruby **SMITH JOHNSON**, a son Burt Jr., and a foster daughter, Mrs. Ralph **GENTRY**. Funeral services were held in Richmond on Saturday, Burial in Richmon Cemetery. -Louisville Courier Journal, December 16, 1937. The many friends of Mr. **JOHNSON** in Pocahontas County will regret to learn of his untimely death. He was the first agricultural agent to be employed in Pocahontas County more than twenty years ago.

older than her older child, who in turn became a mother at nineteen. Though born in Virginia, most of her life was spent in the vicinity in which she died, where she was known and loved as a devoted Christian mother and neighbor. She lived more than three score years, yet seeming not to be old and with her faculties not dulled by age, illness nor decay of strength. Taken with only a few days' of extreme illness from the duties and activities in which she found peace and contentment. She died as she had lived, in calm submission to her Heavenly Father's will, with an unfaltering faith in the life and immortality which are brought to light in the gospel she loved. Her relations to others were always kindly and charitable; she bore her trials and sorrows, from which no human lot is free, with, serene composure and with devout submission to the Divine Will; with her Bible as her guide—such a life could hardly fail to be happy. One of her greatest joys in life was in the presence of her children and grandchildren who always gave to her in full measure the loving devotion and consideration accorded to one who has served so well the generation to which they belong; with simplicity, humility, and forgetfulness of self, which constitute the dignity of all Christian service, she rendered unto them, her little church and her community an humble service, thinking always of the ne great Master who was content to be servant to all. Her illness became acute on Friday and on Saturday her doctor gave up hope, but she lingered through the Sabbath and he succeeding night, the body growing weaker but the mind clear and her soul in perfect peace; in the presence of her youngest daughter, her spirit passed with the dawn of a new day as though she realized that just then a bitter storm was settling over her part of the world, against which she could hold out no longer. Happy, fortunate servant of the Divine Master, to thus pass from the dawn of an earthly day and the approach of the storm to the warm and changeless light of that heavenly world where they have no need of the sun for the Lord God giveth them light and storms are not known. There are thoughts and memories of her as a mother and friend which death only makes more precious and sacred; there is a vacancy which can only be filled by the affections, trusts and hopes which go beyond all that is mortal.

*For her our tears shall fall,  
For her our prayers ascend,  
To her our toils and cares be given,  
Till toils and cares shall end.*

Ellis McCARTY, aged 81 years, died Sunday morning, December 29, 1935, after a few weeks illness with an infected blood stream. On Monday afternoon, his body was buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery, the service being conducted by his pastor, Rev. John H. LIGHT. Thus is noted the passing of one of the best citizens of the Little

Levels District. He came from pioneer stock. His great grandfather, Thomas **McCARTY** was a soldier of the Revolution, and his grandfather fought in the war of 1812. He was the son of David and Susan **HARPER McCARTY**, and the last one of their family. He married Sallie **HILL**, who preceded him to the grave not long since. Their children are Burke of Cass; Richard and Sherman, of Hillsboro, a daughter, Mrs. George **BEARD**, died some years ago. For a life time, Mr. **McCARTY** had been a professing Christian, a member of the Southern Methodist Church.

Mrs. Adella **DARNELL CARLISLE**, 65 years old, wife of George L. **CARLISLE**, of Hillsboro, Pocahontas County, died Saturday morning, March 9, 1935, following an illness of several months. She was a daughter of the late James M. And Martha Ann **DARNELL**, and was born near Ronceverte May 20, 1870. On September 20, 1899, she became the wife of Mr. **CARLISLE** and they established their home at Hillsboro. To their union six children were born. The first died in infancy. Besides the husband, the following survive: Earl L. **CARLISLE**, Monte S. **CARLISLE**, Mrs. V. L. **RUTLEDGE** and Mrs. S. L. **PETTRY**, all of Raleigh County, and Miss Helen **CARLISLE**, at home. Mrs. **CARLISLE** had been a member of the Methodist Church since early girlhood. The funeral was conducted at the Hillsboro Methodist Church Monday morning by her pastor, Rev. J. H. **LIGHT**, and Rev. M. B. **CURRY**, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery.

John **GALFORD**, aged 76 years, is in jail charged with shooting and killing his son-in-law, Frank **JORDAN**, aged 45 years, Monday afternoon, October 5, 1936, at the **Gulford** farm on Laurel Creek. The report is that **GALFORD** got angry with his son-in-law, went for his shot gun, and shot him down at close range. The charge took effect in his breast and he died immediately. Frank **JORDAN** was one of the children of the late William **JORDAN**, of Elk. His brother is Robert **JORDAN**, of Martinson, and his sister is Mrs. E. M. **SMITH**, of Edray. He is survived by his wife and a number of children. He was a good citizen, and had been employed for years by the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company in the woods as a loader man. On Wednesday afternoon the funeral service was conducted from the West Union Church; burial in the family plot at the Cochran graveyard.

George W. **McCOLLAM**, aged eighty one years to the day, died Saturday morning, October 23, 1937, at the Meyers Hospital in Philippi, after a lingering illness of many



night before he had retired apparently in his usual health; in fact he spent the day before in the woods hunting. The funeral service will be conducted from the home on Wednesday afternoon by Rev. W. G. **WINTON**, pastor of the Martinson Methodist Church; burial in Mt. View Cemetery with Masonic Honors. Dr. Kee was a prominent citizen of Pocahontas County. At the time of his death he held the office of school land commissioner, and he had served as President of the Board of Education of Edray District. For many years he was in the drug business, conducting a store in Martinson. He was an authority on birds and at the time of his death he was at work listing the birds of Pocahontas County, for a national bird society. He was a man of liberal education, and took a prominent part in affairs. Dr. Kee was the eldest child of the late Aaron and Milly **McNELL KEE**. Of his father's family there remain Mrs. James I. **BEVERAGE**, Cresap **KEE**, Mrs. D. P. **BARNES**, Mrs. W. A. **McLAUGHLIN** and Miss Viola **KEE**. Dr. **KEE** married Miss Neva **McNELL**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. **McNELL**, who survives her husband.

Mrs. Alice **McLAUGHLIN BROOKS**, aged 69 years, four months, and two days, wife of James **BROOKS**, died at her home near Dunmore on Tuesday, February 28, 1933. The cause of her death was cancer. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from Baxter Presbyterian Church by her pastor, Rev. D. M. **MONROE**; burial in the home graveyard. Mrs. **BROOKS** was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hugh **McLAUGHLIN**. Of this family of twelve children there remains three daughters, Mrs. Wm. **DEPUTY**, Mrs. **CORBETT**, and Mrs. Charles A. **SHARP**, and four sons, Musto, Charles, Letcher, and Jacob **McCLAUGHLIN**. She became the wife of James **BROOKS**, who survives. To this union was born one son, Mack **BROOKS**, principal of the Cass School. In early life Mrs. Brooks fitted herself for the profession of teaching, and for many years she was a most successful teacher in the schools of Pocahontas County. In religion Mrs. **BROOKS** belonged to the church of her fathers, the Presbyterian, and she was interested and active in the cause. Susie Cornelia **SNEDEGAR**, born in Virginia, August 1, 1871, daughter of the late Rev. A. M. and Catherine **CHAPPELL**, died February 26, 1934. Funeral and burial were at the Jacob M. E. Church the Rev. Robert **BRACKEN** officiating. She is survived by her husband, Richard R. **SNEDEGAR**, her mother and brother, J. Elbert **CHAPPELL**, of Cumberland, Md., and the following children, all of whom were present at her burial; Mrs. Grace **BROCK**, of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Nora **FORDYCHE**, of Clarksburg; Mrs. Prudence **BRUFFEY**, Mrs. Susie **GRAGG**, of Washington, D. C., and Keith **SNEDEGAR**, of Orange, Va.. Fourteen grandchildren also survive. A strange cycle has been broken.....Mrs. **SNEDEGAR** was 19 years younger than her mother; 19 years



Mrs. Rebecca J. **MAYS**, 84 years old, died at her home at Renick last Saturday, February 4, 1933, of pneumonia. She was born at Hillsboro, Pocahontas County, November 10, 1849, and had lived at Renick for many years. Her only surviving relative is a niece, Mrs. Edith **CALLAGHAN**, of Locust. Funeral services were held Sunday at the Old Droop Church on Droop Mountain and burial was in the cemetery adjoining.

On Saturday word came of the sudden death of Mrs. Daisy **SHARP** at her home in Washington City, February 11, 1933. She was the widow of the late W. B. **SHARP**, and a daughter of the late B. M. **YEAGER**. Her body was buried in Washington beside her husband. She is survived by her two children. Also by her sisters, Mrs. Andrew **GATEWOOD** of Pulaski, Virginia, and Mrs. Texie **CARROLL**, of Cumberland, Md.; her brothers, J. W., Dr. J. M. Sterling Bruce and Paul **YEAGER**. Samuel **SHEETS**, aged 66 years, died at his home near Hillsboro on Sunday night, October 15, 1933. He had been in poor health a number of years, having suffered a stroke of paralysis. On Tuesday afternoon, the funeral service was conducted from the Hillsboro Methodist Church; burial in the Dunmore Cemetery. Thus is noted the passing of one of the foremost citizens of Pocahontas County. For a number of terms he served as deputy sheriff, and he recently completed a term as president of the Board of Education of Levels District. He was a son of the late George **SHEETS**. His mother's name was **RATLIFF**. Among the remaining members of his father's family are Griffe and Edward **SHEETS**; Mrs. Price **GRAGG** and Mrs. W. H. **ADKISON**. A sister, Mrs. Hulda **CASELL**, died a few weeks ago. Mr. **SHEETS** was twice married. His first wife was Miss Lucy **SIPLE**. To them a son was born, June. He was carried away in the influenza epidemic in 1918 as he was entering manhood. His second wife was Miss Lucy **SHARP**, of Douthards Creek; To them were born four daughters, Elizabeth, Glenna, Alice, and Hattie J. They and their mother survive. Growing up in a country ravaged by war, Mr. **SHEETS** had his own way to make. While working on a log drive in Greenbrier River, over forty years ago, his leg was caught in the bight of a rope, causing injuries which necessitated amputation. Nothing daunted, he took up business and later public office, and was successful. In religion, Mr. **SHEETS** was a member of the Southern Methodist Church. He took an active interest in church work, and for many years he served as a member of the official board.

Dr. O. H. **KEE**, aged 64 years, was found dead in his bed at his home in Martinson on Tuesday morning, October 17, 1933. The cause of his death was heart failure. The

Mr. And Mrs. Paul **HANIFIN**, and Mr. And Mrs. **MADDY**, of Hinton; Mr. And Mrs. J. W. **BOLEY**, of Thurmond; Mr. And Mrs. C. R. **WILLS**, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Zan **CAMPBELL**, and Mr. And Mrs. Leslie **CAMPBELL** of Pence Springs; Mr. And Mrs. Carl **ELLIS**, Mr. And Mrs. Lacy **PATTON**, Sinks Grove; Mr. And Mrs. Barney **MASTERS**, Mr. Marion **BROWN** and Mr. William **GILKERSON**, of Hematite, Va.

#### **B. D. MORRISON.**

*"Death enters and there's no defense;  
His time there's none can tell."*

How true are the lines of the poet. On October 13, 1933, B. D. **MORRISON**, a resident of the Loveridge community, was about the cares of life throughout the day, but late in the day was painfully stricken and a physician called to attend him. But medical aid kind care failed to relieve his sufferings from heart trouble, and he answered the last sudden call and went out into eternity. Funeral services were conducted at his late home on Sunday by Rev. Joseph **SMITH**, and his earthly remains, surrounded by a large crowd of relatives and friends were conveyed to the Lewis Cemetery by the Wallace Undertakers and laid to rest beside the graves of his first wife and several children. Mr. **MORRISON** was a son of Thomas and Rebecca **MORRISON**, long deceased, and of a large family there now only remain two sisters, Mrs. Mary **LEWIS** of Leonard and Mrs. Kate **LOUDERMILK**, of Sun City, Kansas. He was twice married, first to Mrs. Hettie **LEWIS**, and of the children born to their union, six survive - Enoch, Harry, and Elmer **MORRISON**, Mrs. Ethel **HOLMES**, Mrs. Maggie **MACMILLIAN**, and Mrs. Clara **CLUTTER**; his second marriage was to Miss Florence **BOGGS**, who survives, with five young children. He was born October 5, 1868.

Mr. J. D. **RAY**, of Renick, died suddenly of heart trouble at his home on Tuesday, September 26, 1933. His age was 70 years, 6 months, and 15 days. He had long been a sufferer, but was much improved and death came unexpectedly to his family and many friends. He is survived by his widow, three brothers, seven children, 27 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. The surviving sons are: John **RAY** of Louisville, Ky.; Frank and William **RAY**, of Renick, and Walter **RAY**, of York, Pa.. Surviving daughters are Mrs. Albert **SNEDEGAR** and Mrs. Calvin **BUSBY**, of Williamsburg, and Mrs. L. C. **GWINN**, of Quinnimont. The funeral service was held in the Renick Presbyterian Church and burial was in the Falling Spring Cemetery.

second son of Robert Scott and Rebecca **BRINKLY LaRUE**, and died November 17, 1933 at Hillsboro. On December 27, 1881, he was united in marriage to Agnes Ann **BURNS** and lived at Millboro, Va., until January 1900 when they moved to Hillsboro, where he resided at the time of his death. Mr. LaRUE is survived by his wife and the following children: Robert S, Margaret, Charles, Graham, and John, all of Hillsboro; Egbert, of Charleston, and Mrs. A. T. **DILLARD**, of Dover, Pa.; nineteen grandchildren and one great grandchild; he is also survived by one brother, W. S. LaRUE, and one sister, Mrs. Mary **COLEMON**, of McClung, Va. Mr. LaRUE for a number of years was Justice of the Peace of Little Level's District and he filled this office impartially and faithfully, always standing for the right as he saw it. He will always be remembered by those with whom he came in contact, for his courtesy and kindness of manner. He was a member of the Southern Methodist church and of the Pocahontas Lodge, No. 121, A. F. And A. M. Of Hillsboro. The funeral services were conducted from his late residence by his pastor, Rev. W. B. Reynolds, assisted by Rev. Marlin T. **CURRY** of the Presbyterian Church. The following Masonic brothers were the active pall-bearers; S. D. **KIRK**, C. W. **KINNISON**, G. L. **CARLISLE**, W. T. **WALKER**, H. M. **ELMORE**, M. B. **JONES**, and Claude **ELMORE**. He was laid to rest in Oak Grove Cemetery. Sunday afternoon, November 19, with Masonic rites. Surely it can be said of him: "Come ye blessed of my Father. Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Mr. Yancy Verton **KESSINGER**, 58 years old, was instantly killed Friday afternoon, October 20, 1933, a quarter of a mile east of his home at Caldwell, when struck by a car said to have been traveling at a high rate of speed and which did not stop after striking him. Mr. **KESSINGER**, a son of William and Mary **KESSINGER**, was born at Pickaway, Monroe County, January 7, 1875. For 17 years he had been a resident of Caldwell. He is survived by his widow, who was formerly Miss Amude **SHIELDS**, eldest daughter of Mr. And Mrs. H. C. **SHIELDS**, and the following children: Mrs. O. G. **ABBOTT** and Mrs. William **PARKER**, both of Hinton; Arthur and Clarence **KESSINGER**, of Caldwell; Lawrence **KESSINGER**, of White Sulphur Springs; Harold **KESSINGER**, student at Marshall College, Huntington; Mrs. T. W. **CARLSON**, of Washington, D. C.; Miss Lucille **KESSINGER**, student in Hinton High School; Mrs. Edgar **BELL** and Miss Clara **KESSINGER**, at home. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. James **BROWN**, of Hematite, Va., and a brother, G. C. **KESSINGER**, of Sweet Springs. Funeral services were held at the Caldwell Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon and burial was in Rosewood Cemetery at Louisbourg. Among those from out-of-town attending the funeral were: Mrs. George **ABBOTT**, Mrs. Estil **PARKER**,



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Harry Franklin **BEARD**, aged 25 years, and James Melvin **LOUDERMILK**, aged 22 years, were fatally injured in an automobile wreck at Marvin Chapel, near Millpoint, Saturday afternoon, October 28, 1933. Both young men suffered fractured skulls, and both died a few hours later at the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital. In passing a loaded truck, the car grazed a hub. This caused the car to leave the road. It struck a fence post and fell back upon the unfortunate young men. On Sunday afternoon, the funeral of Mr. **LOUDERMILK** was held from the Hillsboro Methodist Church by his pastor, Rev. Mr. **REYNOLDS**. Burial in the **McNEIL** graveyard at Buckeye. He is survived by his mother, Mrs Rena **KELLEY**, and two sisters, Loy and Thelma. His father, William **LOUDERMILK**, died some years ago. On Monday afternoon the funeral of Mr. **BEARD** was conducted from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. **BEARD**, at Hillsboro, by his pastor, Rev. Marlin **CURRY**. Burial in the Oak Grove Cemetery. He was the only child of his parents. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Louise **BARLOW**, daughter of Isaac **BARLOW**, of Huntersville.

Arnold **COGAR**, aged about 20 years was killed in an automobile accident on Seneca Trail, opposite Riverside, Tuesday night, October 31, 1933. From some cause the car left the road, went up a steep bank and turned over. **COGAR** was pinned under the wreck, and his head crushed. He was taken to the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital, but nothing could be done. The young driver was a young man named **ROSE**. He was thrown from the car and escaped injury. Arnold was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward **COGAR** of Campbellstown. The funeral will be held from the Campbelltown church Wednesday afternoon: interment in the Waugh graveyard on Indian Trail.

Francis **THOMPSON LaRUE** was born October 25, 1854 at McCLUNG, Va., the



always urged that success in the industry lay in the handling of high class stock. Mr. McNEEL was an active Democrat, and early in life connected himself with the party organization in the county. In 1904 he was elected Sheriff of Pocahontas County, serving four years. At the expiration of his term of office he retired to his farming activities, but again in 1914 the people demanded his services and he was elected to a six-year term on the county court, ending his office-holding period, December 31, 1920. Few men had a wider acquaintance in his county, and he numbered his friends by his acquaintances. In his early manhood Mr. McNEEL united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was a great-grandson of John McNEEL, the pioneer, who established the White Pole Church, the first Methodist organization in the county. Thus he came of a long line of the followers of John Wesley. Mr. McNEEL had enjoyed good health until the day before his death. While performing some chores around the home he was suddenly stricken with paralysis. He never regained consciousness, and peacefully passed away the following afternoon. On Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, his remains were laid to rest in the McNEEL Cemetery in the Little Levels. In the death of J. S. McNEEL, the county loses one of its most prominent citizens, and his wife and children a most kindly and indulgent husband and father.

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is her eternal gain, for in early life she found Christ as her Personal Savior in an old-time revival meeting conducted by the late Rev. she found Christ as her Personal Savior in an old-time revival meeting. On Sunday afternoon, October 15, her mortal remains were brought to Renick, and funeral services were conducted in the Presbyterian Church there by Rev. N. S. **HILL**, pastor of the Methodist Church at Winona, and a friend of the family since boyhood. He was assisted by Rev. R. T. **BRACKEN** and Rev. Mr. **POPE**. The large crowd in attendance and the profuse floral offerings attested to the esteem in which she was held. Burial was in the cemetery at Renick near the grave of a little granddaughter. "She is not dead but Sleepeth."

Mrs. Mary Ellen **HILL MORRISON**, wife of Charles C. **MORRISON**, died at her home near Renick, January 22, 1933, aged sixty-one years, having been born May 28, 1871. On Tuesday her body was laid to rest in Oak Grove Cemetery, near Renick, the funeral being conducted from the Morgan Memorial Church by Rev. **BRACKEN**. Mrs. Morrison was the daughter of the late Peter and Margaret **WHITING HILL**. December 22, 1892, she became the wife of Charles C. **MORRISON**. He and their two daughters, Mrs. Edyth **SHARP** and Miss Lena, survive. She is also survived by her two sisters, Mrs. Lena **HANNA** and Mrs. Anna **CURRY**, and three brothers, Wilson of Jacox; George, of Hillsboro, and Dr. S. W. **HILL**, of Regent, North Dakota. Two brothers, Sherman of North Dakota; and Dr. Ernest **HILL** of Martinson, preceded her in death. Mrs. **MORRISON** had been a member of the Methodist Church since early life.

Joseph Samuel **McNEEL**, son of Capt. William L. **McNEEL** and Margaret Jane **BEARD McNEEL**, was born at the ancestral home in the Little Levels, November 26, 1862, and died in the home where born, February 16<sup>th</sup> 1933, age 70 years, 2 months, and 20 days. On the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1890, he was married to Miss Mary **CURRY**, daughter of William and Lucy **CURRY**, of Huntersville, this county. To this union were born four children, one of whom, Lloyd **McNEEL**, died in Canada during the Influenza epidemic in 1918. He leaves surviving him, his widow and the following children, Thomas P. **McNEEL**, now of Greenbrier County, Henry W. **McNEEL** and Lucille **McNEEL**, at home. He also leaves surviving him one brother, Lloyd **McNEEL**, and two sisters, Pauline **McNEEL**, and Margaret **McNEEL**, all of who reside in the Pacific Coast States. Of his father's family two brothers and four sisters preceded him to the Great Beyond. Mr. **McNEEL** was prominently identified with the live stock industry of the Greenbrier Valley, having taken a leading part in the introduction of pure bred Hereford cattle into Pocahontas and Greenbrier Counties, and

of the Methodist Church. She was a good woman, who well performed the duties of wife, mother, and neighbor.

Mrs. Mary **MANN**, widow of the late James **MANN**, died at her home near Renick, this county, last Friday evening, April 8, 1932, at about 6:45 o'clock, of pneumonia following an attack of influenza. She was in her 80<sup>th</sup> year. Mrs. Mann was before her marriage a Miss **BURR**, a member of a prominent family of that section, and a beloved resident of her community. She was a member of the Methodist Church at White Oak, where her funeral services. Were held last Sunday afternoon, conducted by her pastor, the Rev. R. T. **BRACKEN**, assisted by Rev. J. Harry **SMITH**, of Louisbourg. Eight children survive her: Mrs. Samuel **McCLUNG**, and Mrs. M. P. **HANNA**, of Renick; Mrs. H. D. **KNAPP**, of Louisbourg; Mrs. J. W. **BUTLER**, of Altoona, Pa., Miss Eunice **MANN**, of Richwood; Mr. Forrest B. **MANN**, of Phoenix, Arizona; Mr. J. F. **MANN** and Mr. Ernest **MANN**, both of the Renick section.

These lines are penned in loving respect to the memory of Mrs. Allie B. **CLARK**, wife of Rev. R. H. **CLARK**, pastor of the M. E. Church at Kayford, who came to the end of her life's journey on the morning of October 14, 1933, and entered into a life where there will be no suffering and affliction. For many years she had suffered from various bodily pains and had been a shut-in to a great extent. She was the eldest child and only daughter of Joseph and Catherine **NUNLEY MACMILLIAN**, long deceased, and of her parental family there remain three brothers, Wade and Kenna **MACMILLIAN**, of Jacox, and Arthur **MACMILLIAN**, of Friars Hill. She was united in marriage to the Rev. R. H. **CLARK** on January 28, 1888, and was a faithful companion down through the years, traveling from place to place as her husband's work was assigned him, helpful in all the trying circumstances and unpleasant surroundings with which a Methodist minister is often encompassed. The last time the writer visited her, during their hours of conversation she told of the binding affection of her three sons, of so often being left alone with their care when they were but children, and on through the years as they grew to manhood when the father could not be with them and it fell to her lot to mother and also stand, as it were, in the place of a father. Of the three sons born to them the survive-Forrest P. **CLARK**, a business man of Bluefield, and former cashier of the Bank of Renick, and Joseph H. **CLARK**, the youngest, who resides at Chesapeake. Ernest, touched with the finger of bereavement in her passing, but all feel that their loss



survived by his widow and one son, Guy **BEARD**, of near Spring Creek. The funeral services was held at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Renick last Friday morning, and burial was in the cemetery adjoining. Funeral services of Mrs. L. D. **NIXON BROWN**, who died at his home in Renicks Valley, this county, were held on Wednesday afternoon, August 30, 1932 at the Methodist Church in that community, the Rev. J. D. **POPE** officiating. Surviving are his widow and four children, Mrs. W. N. **ALLEN**, of Charleston; Mrs. Roy C **WHITE**, of St. Albans; Asa W. **BROWN**, of Renick, and Elmer L. **BROWN**, at home. The pall-bearers were Loyd **CURRY**, J. B. **SHISLER**, Bernard B. **TAYLOR**, Robert J. **WALKUP**, Marvin **SMITH** and James **KNIGHT**. Edgar R. **MORGAN** died at his home at Hookersville, in Nicholas County, December 11, 1932. He was born near Ronceverte April 18, 1882, aged 50 years, 7 months, and 24 days. He was the son of Rev. And Mrs. Samuel C. **MORGAN**. He was married to Mrs. J. **WHEELER BOBBITT**, July 1, 1916. To this union six children were born, one of which preceded him in death in infancy. A sister, Lena, preceded him in death several years ago; his mother, Mrs. Edith **MORGAN ERVINE**, and a sister, Mrs. L. D. **SHARP**, died about two months since. He leaves to mourn their loss, his wife, five children and one brother, Will **MORGAN**, and one sister, Ninnia **MORGAN**, and a host of friends and relatives. About thirteen years ago he united with Emanuel M. E. Church at Bruffeys Creek and lived a devoted Christian Life. Funeral Services was conducted from the Beulah Church at Hookersville, by the pastor, Rev. J. E. **BROWN** and interment was made in McQueen Cemetery.

Newton C. **ROGERS**, aged 78 years, died at his home at Buckeye on Sunday morning, January 17, 1932. For the past several years he has been in failing health. On Monday afternoon his body was buried in the McNeill graveyard, the service being conducted from the home by his pastor, Rev. T. H. **TAYLOR** assisted by Rev. G. G. **OLIVER**. Mr. **ROGERS** was the son of the late James L. And Elizabeth **BURGESS ROGERS**. He married Miss Fredericka **KELLISON**. She and the following children survive: Mrs. Ed **RAY**, of Millpoint; L. B. **ROGERS**, of Alberton; Mrs. D. W. **WILLIAMS**, of Martinson; Moran M. And William H. **RODGERS**; about ten years ago another son, John, died just as he was verging manhood. Squire **RODGERS** was a good, upright man, who always took a positive stand for the right as he saw it. He had been a professing Christian for over forty years. He took a leading part in the affairs of his community. He held positions of honor and public trust at the hands of his people, serving as justice of the peace and deputy assessor of real estate.



Mrs. Serene **BROCK KINNISON**, aged 65 years, 2 months, and 10 days, died at her home near Lobelia, on January 11, 1932, aged 65 years, 2 months, and 10 days, died at her home near Lobelia, on January, 11, 1932. She was the widow of the late George KINNISON, who died two years ago. They were the parents of eight children, six of whom survive: Mrs. Florence **CUTLIP**, of Jacox, Mrs. Charles **TURNER**, Mrs. Nora **CUTLIP**, Mrs. Romie **CUTLIP**, Homer and Lawrence **KENNISON**, all of Lobelia, she is also survived by two brothers, George and Preston **BROCK**. Early in life Mrs. **KENNISON** made a profession of her religion and joined the Methodist Church. She was a kind, loving wife, and mother, and a good neighbor. She will be greatly missed. Funeral service was conducted from her late home on Wednesday by Rev. A. C. **PUGH**. Burial in Emanuel Cemetery.

Benjamin Franklin **HAYES** was born January 27, 1877, at Lobelia, Pocahontas County. Early in December he contracted pneumonia, and in spite of a hard battle for life, he succumbed to a complication of diseases and died at his home near Martinson, December 23, 1932, at the age of fifty-three years, ten months and twenty-three days. In 1921 he married Miss Cornelia **BUZZARD**, Pocahontas County. To this union one son, Frank Raymond was born. He is survived by his widow and son, his aged mother and ten sisters and brothers. Mr. Hayes made a profession of religion in 1921, and united with the Presbyterian Church at Hillsboro, but later moved his membership to the Martinson Presbyterian Church. He has the reputation among his neighbors of living an active, consistent Christian life. He and his wife were always ready to help their neighbors in sickness or other need. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. G. **WINTON**, from the Martinson Methodist Church, by request of the relatives, and interment was made in Mr. View Cemetery. The pall-bearers were: O. W. **KELLISON**, Russell **HOOVER**, Russell **CLUTTER**, Norman **FUEL**, Tony **McCLUNG**, and Herbert **McCLUNG**. Mrs. Laura **MORGAN SHARP**, wife of L. D. **SHARP**, died at her home at Slaty Fork on Monday afternoon, October 17, 1932. She had been ill for many months with heart disease and complications. She was in her 59<sup>th</sup> year, having been born March 31, 1874. Burial in the Sharp Family Graveyard on Wednesday afternoon, the funeral being conducted from the Slaty Fork Church by her pastor, Rev. T. H. **TAYLOR**. Forty years ago she became the wife of L. D. **SHARP**. He and their children, Ivan, Silas, Paul and Luther, Jr., Mrs. William **CURTIN** of Baltimore, and Mrs. R. W. **MARKLAND** of Richmond, survive. A daughter, Creola, died nine years ago. For a life time, Mrs. **SHARP**, had been a professing Christian, a member